

## Media release

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### **\$7.5 million funding for new Haven housing projects**

The Victorian Government has allocated \$7.5 million funding for the Haven Foundation to build two new housing developments for people with mental ill-health.

The allocation was announced by the Treasurer, the Hon Tim Pallas MP, at the official opening of the Haven Foundation's new 20 unit residential development in Frankston today.

The funding allocation is for an additional two new residential developments in the outer Melbourne areas of Whittlesea and Wyndham.

The Haven Foundation works to create secure permanent housing for people with significant and persistent mental ill-health. It recently merged with Mind Australia, one of Australia's leading community managed mental health service providers, which is providing the around the clock care and support in the new Haven Frankston residence.

The merger will enable the two organisations to consolidate their efforts to address the high level of need in Australia for housing for people with mental ill-health.

"The Haven Foundation is delighted at this additional allocation of funding by the Victorian Government. Secure housing for vulnerable people with mental ill-health not only improves their quality of life but reduces the reliance on hospitalisation, presentations at emergency departments and other temporary supports," said Haven Foundation Chairman, Professor Allan Fels AO.

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